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7. (Amended) A feeding tube and CO₂ detecting machine combination comprising:
an elongated patient feeding tube presenting a distal end adapted for insertion into a patient and a proximal portion designed to remain outside the patient; and
a CO₂ detecting machine operably coupled with said proximal portion of said tube so that the presence of CO₂ adjacent said distal end may be detected when the tube is inserted into a patient, said CO₂ detecting machine for detecting and determining the amount of ambient or respiration CO₂.

8. (Original) The combination of claim 7,
including a fixture operably coupled with said proximal portion, said machine coupled with said fixture.

arterial blood gas

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NG - naso gastric

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9. (Original) The combination of claim 8,
said tube presenting a proximal end, said fixture comprising a tubular, bifurcated body presenting
a pair of tubular legs, one of said legs secured to said proximal end, the other of said legs in
communication with the interior of said tube.

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10. (Original) The combination of claim 9,
including one or more intermediate coupling members for connecting said fixture and said machine

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16. (New) A fixture for connection to the proximal end of a feeding tube, said fixture
comprising a bifurcated body presenting first and second tubular legs, said first leg having a
connection end adapted for attachment to said proximal end to form a continuation thereof, said
second leg in communication with the first leg and including at least one intermediate coupling
member adapted for connection with a CO₂ detecting machine, said fixture further including a guide
wire extending through said first leg and feeding tube, there being a guide wire mount removably
secured to an end of said first leg remote from said connection end.